

## CHAPTER 3

### SECTION 1.5

# LAPAROSCOPIC SURGICAL PROCEDURES

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#### I. DESCRIPTION

An endoscopic surgical technique which employs the use of a laparoscope. Laparoscopic surgical procedures are viewed as variations of standard surgical procedures traditionally performed with a scalpel.

#### II. POLICY

A. Benefits may be extended for laparoscopic surgical procedures without laser.

B. Benefits may be extended for laparoscopic surgical procedures with laser when the laser has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for general use in humans.

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